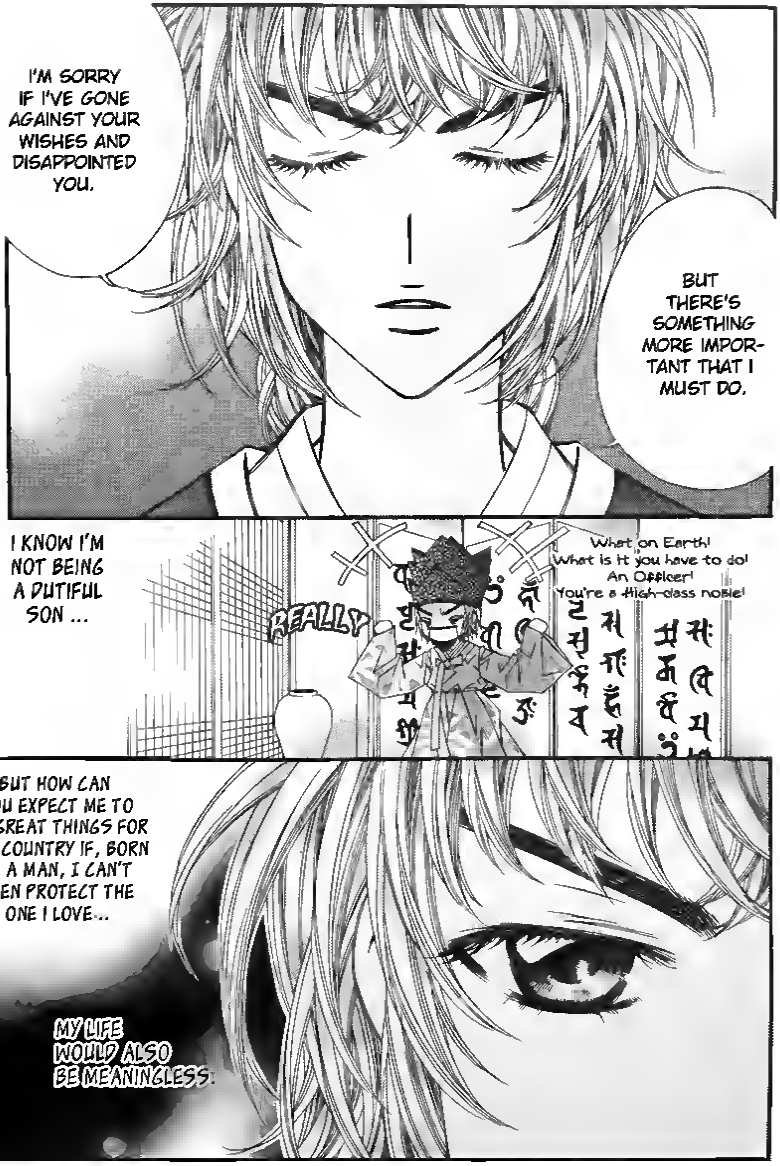
Hwang Joo-sook

AN OFFICER EXAM?!!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!! AN OFFICER EXAM! YOU SHOULD BE APPLYING FOR A HIGH POSITION IN GOVERNMENT!!

I ALREADY TOOK THE EXAM.
AND I PASSED.
WHAT?!
IT'S OFFICIAL. I'VE RECEIVED MY LETTER OF APPOINTMENT FROM THE KING.


I'M SORRY IF I'VE GONE AGAINST YOUR WISHES AND DISAPPOINTED YOU.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAT I MUST DO.
I KNOW I'M NOT BEING A DUTIFUL SON ...
REALLY
What on Earth! What is it you have to do! An Officer! You're a High-class noble!
BUT HOW CAN YOU EXPECT ME TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR THE COUNTRY IF, BORN AS A MAN, I CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THE ONE I LOVE...
MY LIFE WOULD ALSO BE MEANINGLESS.

I HAVE TO GO...
TO BE WITH THE ONE I LOVE AND TO PROTECT HER...

Well..
Unlike Master Yun-Chun's worry, Seul-ran is still like this?
BLISS
HAPPY
It's GOOD LUCK
She is still completely awed by the Palace food.
AH~ LOOK AT THESE GOLD-PLATED DISHES... THEY'RE SO BEAUTIFUL... HOW CAN I GO HOME AND LEAVE THESE WONDERFUL MEALS.
HUH?!!
WAIT A MINUTE...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I CAN'T THINK OF A REASON TO LEAVE.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT I'M HERE... I WAS PRACTICALLY FORCED TO COME...
I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS... THAT MEANS ...
IF THEY FIND OUT LATER ON THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE, THEY CAN'T BLAME ME!! I'M JUST A VICTIM, A VICTIM!!
BESIDES~ ISN'T THIS LIKE BEING COMPENSATED FOR BEING HERE AGAINST MY WILL?
I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG, SO I SHOULDN'T STRESS ABOUT IT! JUST ENJOY IT WHILE I'M HERE!
HMM
In that case, time to stretch my jaw out~
Huk!! I really don't want to sit next to her~
EEK!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

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INHALE
LALALA
LALALA
WHERE SEUL-RAN PASSED
SPARKLE
SHINE
WOW~ SHE NEVER FAILS TO AMAZE ME WHEN SHE DOES THAT.
CONTENT
Ah~ So full. I don't think I can take another bite...
BURP

HUH?
At that moment, Seul-ran spots some rice cakes
Oh~ So pretty~
But~ My stomach hurts...
PLEASE COME STEP OUTSIDE IF EVERYONE HAS FINISHED DINNER.
STEP
JUMP
WHAT?!!
NO~ NO~ WAIT
HUK
JUST A BIT MORE TIME .. THAT'S ALL I NEED TO QUICKLY DIGEST AND EAT AGAIN!!

EVERYBODY EXITS"
SLIDE
WHAT DO I DO... WHAT TO DO ...
PANIC
THIS IS A TOTAL DILEMMA~!!
Come back~ eat us~ Are you leaving us~?
I~ I CAN'T JUST GO LIKE THIS!
TURN~
LOOK~
SWAH
ENG?!
GOTTA TAKE SOME~ SAVE, SAVE FOR LATER~ HELLO PRETTIES~ I'LL TAKE YOU HOME
PUTTING IT UP HER SLEEVE

ACTS LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED~
SHE'S EVEN TAKING SOME TO GO?
Light Steps~
PASS
SLIT
THUD
BOUNCE
ROLL

STOP! EVERYONE STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
HUH?
EH?
GRAB-
THIS...

KYAK...
KYAA!! MY RICE CAKE!!
THE FACT THAT I FOUND THIS HERE... MEANS SOMEONE HAS TRIED TO TAKE FOOD OUT WITH THEM...
NOT ONLY IS THIS AGAINST THE RULES, BUT IT IS ALSO INTOLERABLE BEHAVIOR FOR A CANDIDATE
EEH
IT'S AN ACT WORTHY OF ELIMINATION.
E.. ELIMINATE?!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHO? WHO DID IT?
THERE'S ONE PERSON I CAN THINK OF...
AH... OH NO... THEY'LL NOTICE IT'S ME IF THEY START LOOKING. IT WILL BE SO EMBARRASSING ...
THERE'S A BUNCH IN HER SLEEVES...

I MUST BE CRAZY! RISKING A FUTURE OF WONDERFUL MEALS FOR A COUPLE OF RICE CAKES!
SO STUPID TOO!! DON'T YOU KNOW THE SAYING THAT LESS IS MORE! I RUINED EVERYTHING!
AH, I'M JUST GONNA DENY IT.... THEY WOULDN'T DO A BODY SEARCH WOULD THEY?!!
CLENCH
I CAN'T GIVE UP ON THE PALACE MEALS!!
I SAW IT! I SAW WHO TOOK THE RICE CAKES!
SWOON
ACK, MY LAST HOPE IS GONE

STEP
HUH?
TI LT
EH? THAT GUY...
HAVEN'T I SEEN HIM BEFORE? BUT WHERE?
WHO DID YOU SEE?

IT WAS ...
HA-
AH!!
IT'S THAT PERSON FROM BEFORE

THE CULPRIT IS...
IS HE GOING TO ACCUSE ME AGAIN LIKE LAST TIME... (EVEN THOUGH HE'S RIGHT THIS TIME.)
THIS GUY.
GRAB
WHAT?!!
SIR?!!
WHAT? AN EUNUCH?
WHAT?
MUTE FORCE
HEY GIL-SANG~ JUST BE QUIET AND TAKE THE BLAME~!!
NO, EXCUSE ME... I...
SMILE

GREATLY DISTURBED-
I'M SORRY, GIL-SANG.
WAAH IT'S UNFAIR!!!!
TURN
BUT IT'S TOO EARLY FOR HER TO LEAVE, DON'T YOU THINK?
?!!
HO HO HO—

Crown Princess
Project

UGHH
AH... WHY ARE THINGS GETTING SO COMPLICATED... SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE...
BECAUSE OF THE MINOR INCIDENT YESTERDAY THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DELAYED
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Everyone fighting for a spot in the front to hear every word~
WHATEVER IT IS, IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT!!
WHY DON'T YOU?
WOVE!
HEY! STOP PUSHING!

THAT GUY, WHY DID HE HELP ME?
wink
I MEAN HE KNOWS IT'S ME!
HAAAA~
I DON'T THINK I CAN SLEEP IN THIS SITUATION I'M SO ANXIOUS I CAN'T SLEEP
"ZZZZZ"
Sleeping?

AND I DON'T REALLY HAVE MUCH OF AN APPETITE THIS MORNING...
REALLY?
I'LL EAT IT ALLLL!!
AH! I WONDER... IS IT BECAUSE HE FELT SORRY FROM BEFORE?
YEAH! THAT COULD BE IT.
Uncomplicated
AH...BUT NOT THIS AGAIN!
KEK
THE CHIEF EUNUCH HAS ARRIVED!
WHAT-?!!
ORDER
SHA—

TAK-
CHAK
I APOLOGIZE FOR GATHERING ALL OF YOU EARLY THIS MORNING.
HOWEVER, WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE IN YOUR PRESENCE.
THE IMPORTANT THING YOU NEED TO KNOW ...IS ALSO THE REASON WHY YOU ARE ALL HERE.
SO AT THIS MOMENT... FROM NOW ON...

THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF TESTS GIVEN TO SEE WHO WILL BECOME THE CROWN PRINCESS.
EH?! TESTS?!

YOUR FIRST TEST WILL BEGIN TODAY.
CANDIDATES WHO FAIL TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO PASS THIS TEST...
WILL IMMEDIATELY BE DISQUALIFIED.
AH, IT'S LIKE ONE HILL AFTER ANOTHER... I GUESS I WAS A BIT NAIVE TO THINK THAT I'LL GET TO RELAX WHILE I'M HERE.
FOR SOME REASON I DIDN'T GO HOME YESTERDAY, BUT TODAY I WILL~
AH... SO NERVOUS ...
WHAT IS IT?
OH... HUM, A TEST...
I WONDER WHAT TOPIC IT IS...
THE SUBJECT OF YOUR TEST IS ...

IS THIS.
THE TEST IS TO CREATE YOUR OWN CLOTHES USING THESE SILK FABRICS.
HUH?
YOU MAY TAKE AS MUCH FABRIC AS YOU WANT FOR YOUR TEST.
HOWEVER, ANY THAT IS LEFT OVER WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR TOTAL SCORE. SO THINK CAREFULLY ON HOW MUCH YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE.

MAKE YOUR OWN CLOTHES...
OH NICE! EVEN IF I GET ELIMINATED I CAN GO HOME WITH A NEW OUTFIT?!
COULD I FINALLY THROW AWAY MY ONE AND ONLY RAGS?!
I'M SURE THEY'LL LET ME KEEP THE CLOTHES I MADE...
Finally, Seul-ran's turn to take some silk fabrics
I...I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH BEAUTIFUL SILK FABRICS!!

MY LADY, WHICH ONE AND HOW MUCH WOULD YOU LIKE?
?
OH, HOW CAN HE CUT THOSE BEAUTIFUL SILKS WITH THOSE SHARP SCISSORS-!!
I... UM... THIS ONE... AND THIS... MUCH...
OK
KYAK-
SNIP
SHIVER
IT'S LIKE CUTTING MY HEART OPEN...

IT'S NOT EASY TO MAKE SUCH HIGH QUALITY SILK FABRICS LIKE THESE...
SNIFF
AND I GET TO... MAKE AN OUTFIT OUT OF IT!!
...
SLIDE~
AH, I'M... FEELING THE PRESSURE.
S...SEUL-RAN?
HM?

IS THAT REALLY YOU, SEUL-RAN?
EH?! YOON MOK-RYUN...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Wow~ I'm so happy to see you here!!
WELL, HONESTLY I'M NOT SURE WHY I'M HERE EITHER~
I REALLY CAN'T EXPLAIN, BUT I THINK THERE WAS A MISTAKE OR SOMETHING.
HA HA
PLEASE GATHER THIS WAY AFTER COLLECTING YOUR SILK FABRICS!

AH! I'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT LATER. IT'S A LONG STORY~
SHE'S CALLING WHAT THEY DO HERE A MISTAKE?!
MISTAKE?! A MISTAKE?!!

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